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## Two Chinamen Dead Six Injured In Fire At Shakan Cannery

Two Chinamen were burned to death and six so badly injured that they were brought to Wrangell for medical treatment when the China bunk house of the Shakan cannery caught fire and burned early this morning at Shakan, Alaska.

The Winifred D. arrived late this afternoon bringing the six Chinamen who were placed in the Wrangell Hospital. Their injuries are caused by jumping from a second story window in the burning building to the beach, a distance of about thirty feet.

Mr. Bill McDonald who is in charge of the injured men stated, when interviewed: "The fire started about four o'clock this morning and was discovered by Mr. Demer who had arrived in port on the gas boat Winifred D. He sounded the alarm by repeatedly blowing the boat whistle. By the time the people arrived at the scene the lower part of the building was a mass of flames, and the Chinamen were rushing through the door and jumping through the window down stairs, the six brought in and the two burned to death were caught upstairs and the stairway was afire so they were forced to jump from the windows to the beach. The two that were burned to death were probably overcome by smoke as they were sleeping directly over where the fire started. Their

charred remains were found. About sixty persons were sleeping in the building at the time the fire started. It is believed that the building was set afire as two oil cans were found at the corner where the fire started. The fire consumed two buildings and if it were not for the wet weather and a good supply of water handy the cannery building would have burned also."

The cannery belongs to the Northwestern Fisheries Company and was formerly of the Gorman interests. Mr. Ed. Caughlin is Superintendent.

## Arctic Brotherhood Grand Mask Ball

At the meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood Wednesday evening it was discussed and decided to give a Grand Mask Ball as a Hal-loween dance and a committee was appointed to take the matter up.

While the committee has had no meeting as yet on the matter it is believed that the dance will be given on Saturday evening, Oct. 30th, at the Risk. The admission for the dance will probably be only five cents both for maskers and spectators. The A. B. are noted for their good time and it is assured that this one will not fall below their standard. Full particulars latter.

## Sam Silverman Tells About Devil's Elbow Property

Mr. Samuel I. Silverman, the manager and promoter of the Devil's Elbow mining property, addressed a public meeting at the town hall last Monday evening. A large crowd of interested citizens being present, to whom he explained at length the future before the mines of this section of the country. Mr. Silverman also told of his varied experience as a mining operator in Alaska and also in the Ross-land District and other sections of the United States. The meeting was called to order by Mr. P. C. McCormack who introduced the speaker. We would like to give the address delivered by Mr. Silverman in full but space does not permit so we will suffice by giving a brief outline of the more important event covered by his address.

Mr. Silverman stated, "I came to Alaska first 17 years ago, landing at Ketchikan. My first inclination to come to this country came when a miner in Spokane showed me a piece of gold bearing rock which he stated came from Prince of Wales Island. The ore looked good to me, so when in Seattle some time later and with Cal. Brewer who wanted me to go to the Tenopah district with him, I tossed up a coin in the lobby of the Northern Hotel and the coin decreed it should be Alaska. I came to this country on the steamer

Humboldt. At Ketchikan I secured the gas boat Pan and one of your citizens, Mr. G. G. Gingsburg, was the captain of the trip and looked at the property and went back to Seattle. He then to Spokane where he had a party to come and look over the property and as a result I was offered seven different prospects a few years ago. Among these claims were the Mammes and Stephens claims. The Hadley like all other claims had its ups and downs, the price of copper ranging from 12 to 25 cents, and so today the property, a mine which owned a few years ago stated was sold out, is owned by the Gingsburg Mining Company and is being worked at a profit of fifty thousand dollars a month and in the night past week have shipped over a million dollars worth of ore. It was the same with the Tenopah mines, for a few years they were of N. M. and of other extent, stated that the same was in Alaska and that was a good well, but it has been proven that the mines of that section of Alaska are going to surpass the world. The Alaska Gas and Oil Co. has been enough in sight for over a hundred years mining.

"Wrangell has never been advertised as a mining section and I had never heard much about any very big prospects here until Mr. Jerry Galvin showed me some samples of ore in the Rainier-Grand Hotel in Seattle. I said, 'Jerry I have a mind to go up and look at it as it looks good.' So we came up and went up to Devil's Elbow and looked the property, and succeeded in interesting Mr. Chilberg and other capitalists in the prospects to the extent that a company was formed and work was started on the first of last June. We have uncovered some fine looking ore since that time. Out of a small opening on the vein we have taken out about one hundred and fifty tons of ore that went a hundred dollars to the ton. I went outside and purchased some necessary machinery, but the season being so short, I did not get it back here in time to get it up the river and it is now scattered along the river bank where we are forced to leave it until next spring. We have spent two thousand dollars to get this machinery within 40 miles of our landing. My associates concluded to visit the mine this fall and so arrived at the time we were taking this machinery up the river and when we stuck on the river Mr. Japhet Linderberg and Mr. Plate a mining engineer, and others pulled up to Devil's Elbow and looked the prospect over. And here I want to state that the report that Mr. Plate has condemned the district is erroneous, Mr. Plate simply made the trip as a friend of my associates and not as an engineer, and the report that

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## Big Deal Closed For Mining Property In Groundhog

Mr. J. G. Galvin, the well known mining man, arrived on the Evans last Monday night and made final arrangements toward the acquiring of the mining property in Groundhog Basin. The transfer has been made whereby Mr. Galvin purchases all of the claims in that group which were owned by W. D. Grant, Donald Blair, Dr. Shurick and B. Y. Grant.

This is the largest mining deal ever made in Wrangell. The amount of the sale was not made public, but it is known was very high. The sale was partly closed some time ago but owing to business interests it was impossible for the contracting parties to get together in Wrangell sooner.

The claims are situated in the Groundhog Basin, on the main land, eight miles from tide water at the head of Mill Lake.

Mr. J. G. Galvin, James Tracy and W. D. Grant left Thursday for the property and have with them a crew of men who will be put to work at once driving a tunnel. Mr. Tracy is a well known mining engineer and will make an examination of the property. Mr. Galvin declined to give an interview for publication until his return from the property, which will be in a few days.

## Mariposa Struck Rock

The big crack liner the Alaska Steamship Co. struck a rock last Friday about 4:45 a. m. near the mouth of the river. The vessel was along at her usual speed when a sudden she struck the rock, fifty feet from the shore. The vessel was lowered and the passengers put ashore with the exception of a signal of distress. The Dispatch went to the scene and took aboard the passengers. They were picked up by the Alaska Steamship Co. and taken to Ketchikan. It is believed that the vessel is a total loss.

The following passengers of the Mariposa were aboard the vessel and arrived here: J. G. Galvin, James Tracy, W. D. Grant, Donald Blair, Dr. Shurick, B. Y. Grant, and C. J. Leed. The Mariposa was built in Philadelphia in 1883. She has a gross tonnage of 3,150 tons and was 314 feet long, 41 feet wide and 17.3 feet deep. She carried a crew of 50 men. The wrecking tug was working on the wreck.

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### THE MAN UP TOWN SAYS

It is reported that a crowd of Japs have gathered at one end of Ham Island, preparing for a deer drive—and no game warden in sight.

James M. Shoup, formerly United States marshal for Alaska, has settled down to make his home in Ketchikan. His wife recently joined him there.

Widmore D. Hill, recently promoted to the position of assistant inspector of boilers at Seattle, was for eight years chief engineer of the steamship Humboldt.

The news comes from Anchorage that there the government has begun platting five and ten acre tracts to enable all who so desire to secure little farms of their own.

Judge Bunnell has announced that a news district, to be known as the Tolovana Recording District will be created as soon as the necessary formalities can be complied with. The news district will be created by combining a portion of each of the Circle City, Ram part and Fairbanks districts.

A large proportion of the insane of Alaska are men.

Ketchikan citizens travel as far as Juneau to become Elks.

Cedar telephone poles are shipped from Craig, Alaska, to Seattle.

A coal famine at Cordova may be taken as the height of sarcasm.

As a mark of distinction Valdez claims to be the best lighted town in Alaska.

Mary N. Cole, of Nizina, has been appointed a notary public for the territory of Alaska.

The people of Anchorage are promised a treat the coming winter in the way of an open skating rink.

Statement of Ownership, Management, etc., of the Wrangell Sentinel, published weekly at Wrangell, Alaska required by the act of August 24, 1912

Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Publisher, Paul F. Stanhope, Wrangell, Alaska.  
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For professional and tradespeople see advertising columns.

A good show at the Wrangell Photoshow tonight.

Sam Bornstein is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rouslow and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Teitge, all of Craig, arrived in town on the W. A. Kelly last Sunday. They left for the south on the City of Seattle last night.

A good show at the Photoshow tonight.

Work was started during the fine days, the first of the week, to paint the home of Harry Cartley, Councilman Tate is superintending the job.

The Alaska Sanitary cannery shipped three thousands cases of salmon south, on the City of Seattle last night.

A good show at the Rink tomorrow night.

Arthur Leonard was a passenger in on the Uncle Dan last Tuesday night from the West Coast. Mr. Leonard is on a short business trip and will return on the boat tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Grant have arrived safely at their destination in Nova Scotia as is shown by the card received on a recent mail by his friends here. Mayor and Mrs. Grant are visiting with Mr. Grant's father, Mr. James R. Grant, at Heathbell P. O. in Pictou Co.

Miss Leona Lindman returned on the Dan from a visiting trip to the West Coast where she spent the week with Mrs. Arthur Leonard.

Kenig Johansen came down from the river yesterday and reports the water the lowest that has ever been known at this time of the year.

Capt. Niell laid off last trip of the Dan and Kent Talmadge made the trip in his place.

The railroad commission has advertised for bids for the building of a jail at the "model" town of Anchorage.

### Notice To All Milk Customers

Notice is hereby given to the customers of the Wrangell Dairy, that on and after the first day of October, 1915, the price of milk will be raised to 15 cents per quart straight through. This raise is caused by the additional prices of hay and grain for the winter feed. Please set out your milk bottles.

Signed

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By Al. Osborn.

Throw a PEBBLE into a Pool and see what a circle it makes. Throw an ADVERTISEMENT in this paper and you will also be surprised at the results.

## City Fathers Hold Regular Meeting

The city fathers met in regular session last Thursday evening at the town hall. All of the councilmen were present except Mayor Grant. Councilman Emery was elected as chairman pro-tem of the meeting. After the regular routine of the city affairs the matter of letting the Standard Oil company build oil tanks inside the city limits was taken up and on motion by Councilman Tate it was passed that this Company be allowed to build within the city limits provided the tanks were placed so as to be safe from other buildings and caution was taken in regard to fire protection. The matter of giving the Aasaka Sanitary Cannery a renewal of their water permit was discussed and on motion ordered laid on table, also the matter of changing the street which leads past the cannery so as to make a square turn in it as was petitioned by Mr. Brown was discussed and ordered looked into. There being no further business to come before the council a motion to adjourn carried.

## Wrangellite Serving In British Navy

Mr. Elmer Carlstrom, of the Thlinget Trading Co., is receipt of a letter from Joe Curt who is well known here. The letter was written from St. Nazaire, France, Sept. 1, 1915. From the letter it is learned Joe is now serving in the English navy on a torpedo destroyer and at the writing was acting as a convey to troop ships. In the letter Joe tells of being in a fight in the North Sea and the ship on which he was serving was blown up, and as Joe expresses it "He woke up in the hospital". And now to make the story come out right Joe married his nurse, the marriage taking place on July 4th. last.

## Starts Work At Bertha Mine

George Skelton with a small crew of men left about noon yesterday on the gas boat Western for his mining property at St. Johns Harbor on Zarembo Island. Engineers will visit and examine the property soon.

Amos Sprunger, a Fairbanks prisoner sentenced to serve two years at McNeil Island, slipped his guard and escaped.

D. C. Spencer, formerly of San Diego, Cal., and an expert tamale manufacturer, will establish a tamale factory in Seward.

Thirty-seven feet of lumber was cut from the National forests of Alaska during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.



From "The Great Stroke" coming to The Photoshow.

## Silverman Tells Devils Elbow

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he has turned it down is not so. Mr. Plate is planning on returning next summer and examine the property after this winters work, and he told Mr. Chilberg that the mine was certainly worthy of further exploration. Hence as we did not get our machinery in this winter several of my associates were in favor of closing down for the winter but I preferred going on with the development work."

In speaking of the development of the property Mr. Silverman says, "The showing in the lower workings of the mine has exceeded my most sanguine expectations. The character of the ore is identical with the ore now being treated at Butte, Montana, where they have a silver, lead, zinc and copper ore to treat. As far as the values are concerned the grade of the Stikine Mining Company's ore is fully double in value of a similar ore being treated from the Butte and Superior Company where they are handling twelve hundred tons a day at a large profit and with only half the values of the Stikine ore. While the past year has been an exceptionally dry one making navigation on the river difficult, the Stikine is no worse than many other rivers in Alaska, and with the proper boats the difficulties can be overcome. The ore from this section can be mined, concentrated, transported and smelted at a cost of about ten dollars per ton. The Stikine Mining Company's property is not the only prospect in that section, for there are many. The mineral zone is 4000 feet wide and has been prospected and traced back from the river for three miles. The district is wonderful and I am not disheartened at the prospects and want to keep digging this winter with a small crew of seven or eight men."

At the close of his address Mr. Silverman stated that several of the business men of Wrangell had approached him and ask if it was possible to purchase some of the stock of the company, as they were willing to show their belief in the future of the section and help in the development of the country, by so doing, and to give them a chance a small block of the treasury stock would be offered for sale to them as the company was desirous of having their corporation. Within a few hours \$5000 was subscribed for that purpose, Mr. P. C. McCormack, the enterprising business man heading the list with one thousand dollars.

Mr. Silverman with a small crew of men left at noon yesterday for the property and will resume work on a small scale for the winter.

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In the matter of the Estate of J. W. Gano, Deceased.  
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